

WASHINGTON---Double upsets marked the final day of Negro National League second half competition, Sunday, as the Baltimore Elite Giants scored a twin triumph over the champion Newark Eagles and the Homestead Grays slapped down the New York Cubans in a twin bill at Washington.

The smallest crowd of the season saw the loop finale at Washington, as the Grays, functioning with a smoothness that featured their championship years, turned in two errorless games to win from the second place Cubans, 8-3 and 2-1.

Heavy hitters on both teams took advantage of the shortened leftfield, where park officials have installed additional bleacher seats, and rapped out six home runs. Josh Gibson, Luis Marquez and Gene Smith connected for round-trippers for the Grays in the opener, while Jim Diaz registered one for the Cubans. In the nightcap, Sam Bankhead hit another for the Grays, and Harry Williams added the sixth for the Cubans.

Smith, who allowed only eight hits, was the victor over Ray Scantlebury and Bill Crue in the opener, while R.T. Walker and Red Fields shared the hurling duties in the nightcap, to beat Luis Tiant, who granted but six hits to his opponents' four.

At Baltimore, the Newark Eagles, who clinched the NNL flag last week and will open the World Series with the Kansas City Monarchs Tuesday, were twice losers in two tricky games in which ~~they saved~~ the Eagles saved their ace pitchers for the important series. Baltimore won, 13-12 and 6-3, although outhit 6-2 in nightcap.

In the first contest, the Elites went into the eighth with a 10-2 lead only to see the Eagles push across four runs in the eighth and six in the ninth to take a 12-10 advantage. Then, the Elites tied the count and tallied the winning run in their half of the ninth, with Henry Kimbro and Bill Hoskins supplying the deciding blows.

Bill Byrd and Bill Barnes gave up 17 hits to the Eagles, while Cotton and Len Hooker was nicked for 18 by the Giants.

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In the nightcap, Porter of the Elites was outpitched by Jim Peace and Johnny Davis, who jointly allowed the Elites only two hits to the Eagles' six, but Peace was terribly wild and gave the game away in the second when the Elites scored four runs on four walks and Johnny Washington's triple.

The Baltimore twin win assured the Elites of a second half third-place finish, and the Grays were able to move into fourth position with their twin triumph over the Cubans.

The Philadelphia Stars-N.Y. Black Yankees games, slated for NYC, was canceled, but the Yankees defeated the Kansas City Monarchs, 3-1, and the Stars downed the Cincinnati Clowns, 6-1, in exhibition games.